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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Oliver Hydro LLC

Project No. 13005-003

NOTICE SOLICITING SCOPING COMMENTS

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: Original Major License
- b. Project No.: P-13005-003
- c. Date filed: December 14, 2011.
- d. Applicant: Oliver Hydro LLC
- e. Name of Project: William Bacon Oliver Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: At the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) William Bacon Oliver Lock and Dam on the Black Warrior River, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. The project would occupy 8.7 acres of United States lands administered by the Corps' Mobile District.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 USC §§ 791 (a) - 825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Brent Smith, Symbiotics LLC, 371 Upper Terrace, Suite 2, Bend, OR 97702; (541) 330-8779; or e-mail at brent.smith@symbioticsenergy.com.
- i. FERC Contact: Allan Creamer at (202) 502-8365, or via email at allan.creamer@ferc.gov.
- j. Deadline for filing scoping comments: October 4, 2012

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comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

- k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.
- l. The proposed project would utilize the Corps' existing William Bacon Oliver Lock and Dam, and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) a forebay; (2) an intake structure; (3) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total capacity of 11.72 megawatts (MW); (4) a 150-foot-long, 68-foot-wide tailrace; (5) a proposed 1.7-mile-long, 25 kilovolt (kV) transmission line; (6) a switchyard; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an average annual generation of 42.6 GWh, and operate in a run-of-river mode utilizing surplus water from the William Bacon Oliver Lock and Dam, as directed by the Corps.
- m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.
- n. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.
- o. Scoping Process

The Commission staff intends to prepare a single Environmental Assessment (EA) for the William Oliver Bacon Lock and Dam Hydroelectric

Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Commission staff does not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we are soliciting comments, recommendations, and information, on the Scoping Document (SD) issued on August 31, 2012.

Copies of the SD outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list and the applicant's distribution list. Copies of the SD may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Dated: September 4, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.